

RESPONSE

The examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1-2 are pending in the application; claims numbered 1-2 are rejected.

The examiner has rejected claims numbered 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Bonnet (US Patent No. 5,461,059). Applicant has amended the definition of aryl found in the specification as originally filed at page 13, line 6 to more clearly define the present invention.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims numbered 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

The examiner has rejected claims numbered 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the examiner states that:

- (a) the choices for R^1 must all be divalent, since the variable is divalent, and
- (b) $-\text{CH}(\text{OCH}_3)_2$ as a choice for variable R^8 is new matter.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify the divalent nature of the variable R^1 , and to remove the $-\text{CH}(\text{OCH}_3)_2$ moiety from variable R^8 .

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims numbered 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant has added new claims numbered 3-11 to include specific compounds of the invention. Support for this amendment is found on page 16, line 11 through page 21, line 19 of the specification as originally filed.

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The examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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